Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is one of the details. I request Hon'ble Members not to press the Government to divulge those details. There must be certain responsibility on the Executive Government. It is based on this responsibility.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I only ask when it was first placed. I don't ask anything about the contents of the correspondence.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is one of the details.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was there any correspondence at all?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I answered a similar question just before.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I want to bring to the notice of the Chair that we cannot be satisfied with these evasive answers. Let them say 'yes' or 'no'. I want a ruling on the matter.

President.—I have promised to go into the question and give a ruling,

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any prospect of such a proclamation being made?

President.—That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I want to know whether the Government has brought this matter to the notice of His Highness.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have answered quite an identical question.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether the Government think that these representations deserve the consideration of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Certainly they do.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I suppose such action as is being taken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Chalakkal Chira.

88. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was not a petition from the inhabitants of Chittanda and Kanjirakode Villages of the Talappilly Taluk dated 16th December 1930 regarding the necessity for repairing the Chalakkal chira in Survey No. 441 of Vadakkancheri Village;

(b) whether the detailed investigation and estimate mentioned in the Government Memo No. D. Dis. 1952/06, dated 14th October 1931, Public Works Department have been completed;

(c) has the work been considered for 1108 as stated in the said Memo;

(d) has the same been provided; and if not, why?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

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(b) Yes.
(c) Yes.
(d) No. The question of constructing a combined chira and bridge had to be dropped as the benefits anticipated of the work did not justify the incurring of the heavy expenditure estimated for. An alternative proposal *viz.*, putting up temporary earthen bunds annually and constructing a foot bridge of a cheap type, is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know at what stage the alternative proposal stands ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar—The proposal for constructing a cheap bridge is being formulated.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can we expect to have the cheap bridge by next year ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It is too early to make such a promise. It will be noted for consideration of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan —May I know what the exorbitant estimate is ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Rs. 9,000.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know how many acres of land could be protected from drought if this chira is put up?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—15 acres of single crop land and 96 acres of double crop land and the income derived by the Government will be Rs. 12.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The Government thought only about the benefits to the Government. Did they ever think about the damage to the tenant in the absence of this Chira ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—For that an earthen bund is going to be put up there.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What will be the approximate cost ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Rs. 100 per year.

Depressed Class Settlements.

89. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of depressed class settlements effected as per Order Ref. 22/1107, dated 15th Thulam 1108 of the Protector of the Depressed Classes?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Revenue Department is taking steps to assign lands in Chennamangalam to Depressed classes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—By what time will the steps of the Revenue Department terminate ?

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